

## W. GOULD BROKAW IN OWN DEFENSE

He Made a Good Witness, Easy of Attitude with Answers Ready and Firm

### A LONG SERIES OF DENIALS

Of Wife's Charges of Cruel and Abusive Language and Drunkenness—Admitted that He Once Called Mrs. Brokaw a Liar—Never Forbade His Wife Making Eyes at Jimmie Martin—Story of So-Called "Poison Night" Attentively Listened To.

New York, Dec. 23.—W. Gould Brokaw, whose wife is suing him for separation with alimony of \$50,000 a year, took the stand in his own defense today and swore in the court room at Mineola, L. I., that his father-in-law, Joseph A. Blair, threatened to kill him because he loved her too much. When he told Mrs. Brokaw of this threat, she laughed and said: "Don't mind father, Billy; he's crazy."

Mr. Brokaw described the night when his wife took poison. His lawyer led him carefully over the two years of their married life, with painstaking attention to the charges of drunkenness, cruelty and abusive language brought against him in the testimony of his wife. Brokaw made a good witness. His attitude was easy and his answers were firm. Occasionally he peered through a lorgnette in examining papers submitted to him. Mrs. Brokaw was ashy pale and muffled in furs. She heard her husband scornfully when her husband's testimony contradicted her own and she coughed constantly with a nervous little back. A heavy black widow's veil fell from her fur hat over the upper half of her face forehead.

**Was Never Drunk in His Life.**  
Brokaw swore that he never was drunk in his life. "The times when Mrs. Brokaw said I was drunk," he testified, "my face was flushed from a long walk or drive."

He never struck his wife. "I never struck anyone in my life," he testified. "Mrs. Brokaw knows I could not harm her. There never was a night when I could get into her room that I did not kiss her good-night."

"I never lock the doors of my house. I never carry guns or revolvers," he continued.

**Forced to Call Her a Liar.**  
He admitted that he called his wife a liar. "Yes," he said, "I called her a liar, but not until she had called me a liar. I had been out and when I came back, bringing her flowers, she accused me of meeting some woman. I denied it. She said I lied and I had to tell her the same."

The long series of denials extended into montony. "Did you forbid your wife to make eyes at Jimmie Martin?" is an example of the form of counsel's questions. "I did not," was the invariable answer.

**Never Saw Her Drink Cocktails.**  
Affirmatively, however, there was more variety in the testimony. Brokaw swore that his wife smoked cigarettes before their marriage and that she promised him to stop it. He never saw her drink cocktails, but he understood from the servants that cocktails were taken to her room on the day.

"Will you tell the court of your drinking agreement with your wife?" asked John F. McIntyre, his counsel.

#### POET WILLIAM WATSON INSANE IN HAVANA. His Wife is Unaware of Her Husband's Mental Condition.

New York, Dec. 23.—Robinson Watson, in a statement telegraphed to New York from Havana today, reiterates that his brother, William Watson, the English poet, now in Havana, is insane, though the poet's wife, who is with him, is unaware of her husband's mental condition. Watson cabled from Havana yesterday that "Robinson Watson's message to the world is a wicked attempt to ruin my husband." The brother replied to him as follows: "It is not surprising that Mrs. William Watson has called an angry message. There will probably be worse to come, and still worse, until she fully apprehends the whole truth. As a feature of the situation is that she has been ignorant of the events of 1902."

"When the long statement about the Asquiths compelled me to recognize clearly what others were beginning to perceive, I immediately went to New York and, finding my worse fears confirmed, endeavored during four consecutive days to get an opportunity of speaking alone with Mrs. Watson, but no such opportunity could be obtained and I left without having given her the slightest intimation."

**Called to Mother's Bedside.**  
Mirza Ali Kull Khan, Persian consul, who with his family, has spent the last six months in California, made a flying trip to Boston and Cambridge on Saturday and then went to Washington. He sails from New York today on the Mauretania for Liverpool, and goes by way of Paris and Vienna and Thibis to Tehran where his mother is ill, his journey being made for the purpose of seeing her. Lady Florence Khanon remains in California with her two lovely children during Khan's absence.

Khan's family is one of the highest rank in Persia, and many of his relatives are in the diplomatic service. One of his uncles has been in the cabinet during the reign of the three shahs. Khan's trip over and through the "Caucasian mountains" will be made, perhaps, by automobile, a great innovation there, but I am told that railroads are to be built in Persia and this wonderfully beautiful country thus made more accessible.

**Far from Playing.**  
Mrs. Parkhurst, conversing with a Detroit newspaper man who expressed illiberal views on the woman question, said with a smile:

"Ah, you disappoint me. I had thought American men were models in their treatment of women. I am as disappointed in you as I once was in a little Anglo-Indian child."

"She had just come from India to be put to school, and one night she stayed with me all night."

"After she had been put to bed I visited her room to see if she was all right. In the dim light I saw the little, white-robed figure groping on its knees in the cot, and I whispered to my daughter:

"The little thing is saying her prayers."

"A tiny voice came from the cot:

"Where the devil's my doll?"—Detroit Free Press.

**Don't Tell a Man a Secret.**  
Tell a man a secret and he tells it to his wife, and when she in turn repeats it he has a great deal to say about a woman not being able to keep a secret.—Atlantic Globe.

## COTTON 16 CENTS A POUND ON NEW YORK EXCHANGE

Total Increase of 800 Points Since Early in the Year.  
New York, Dec. 23.—The bullish enthusiasm which has attended the cotton market in its recent advance today realized for the first time in five years 16 cents a pound on the New York exchange. This figure is just double the price of cotton early in the year—a total increase of 800 points. While May option at 16.91 today was the only cotton of the list to reach the 16-cent quotation, the entire list advanced slightly and still holds higher than at any time since the Sully boom in 1904. The bull campaign now on is said to be headed by Col. W. P. Brown and Frank B. Hayne of New Orleans, who were associated with Sully five years ago, and E. G. Scates and James A. Patten, the Chicago grain operator. The aggregate profits of this "big four" are rumored to amount to about \$13,000,000.

The bulls now predict 17-cent cotton before the end of January. The record during the Sully boom was 17.54.

### Preaching on Leopold.

The preachers found King Leopold's death an engrossing theme for their Sunday discourses. In Pawtucket, R. I., a preacher took for his subject: "Who in Hell is Leopold?" then went on to speak of the probable cause of the Belgian king on his arrival down below. Said he: "One of the greatest financiers the world ever knew, King Leopold, fought death as he fought the world, and died friendless and alone. Once dead he probably swindled Charon out of his fare, defied the devil on his throne, and the devil himself would have to take a rear seat in the presence of such a power for evil as Leopold."

Another preacher in Boston found sweet consolation in the thought that "the hottest place in the lowest inferno is too comfortable for a man whose fortune has been built up through the cruel and bloody wars of Africa. You children will have to get up earlier," Mr. Blair called, and added: "When you come downstairs I want to have a talk with you personally."

**"Poison Night" Story.**  
"Tell us what happened on the so-called poison night," directed Mr. McIntyre.

"On that night," replied the witness, "I had the Marquis Hermosa and others to dinner. Mrs. Brokaw did not come down. After dinner I went to her room and knocked. She did not answer. Then I said: 'Mary, I want to come in.' She did not answer. Finally I pushed the door open. She was furious. I told her I only wanted to kiss her good-night, and left."

"When I came upstairs again, Mrs. Brokaw was not in her room. I could not find her and got a nurse to help me hunt. After a search the nurse called to me from a room at one end of the hall. I got there just in time to see the nurse struggling to take something out of Mrs. Brokaw's mouth. It was some kind of white tablet. I screamed, 'My God! she's dead!'"

"Did you do anything to cause her to take poison?"  
"Absolutely nothing."

From the fact that Mrs. Brokaw's counsel for the first time brought a complaint in the minutes of the trial records—which they have hitherto said their client could not afford—it is inferred that Brokaw will undergo a rigorous cross examination when court convenes tomorrow.

### "BABY SHOPLIFTER"

HELD BY ST. LOUIS POLICE.

Remarkable Record of Eight Year Old Annie Pavlinski.

St. Louis, Dec. 23.—An eight year old girl, blue-eyed and pretty, is held by the police as "the baby shoplifter."

She is Annie Pavlinski, daughter of Frank Pavlinski. She has been arrested three times for theft, has spent two weeks in the industrial school and escaped her way from home dozens of times and makes a practice of slipping out of bed after her family is asleep and pilfering money from her father and her big brother.

She was found asleep in a hallway today, scantily clad and blue with cold. A policeman took her to the matron of the police station where it was learned she ran away from home on Tuesday after rifling her brother's pockets of \$1.50. Annie's first exploit was robbing a notion store of fifty cents' worth of toys. She was arrested, but the proprietor refused to prosecute.

Two weeks later she entered a grocery store, concealed herself under a counter, and stole \$15 from the grocer's till. For this she was sentenced to the industrial school.

Fourteen days later, ragged but blithe, she reappeared at home, having escaped. Though she has several times since fallen into the hands of the police, she was not returned to the institution.

**SCIENCE NOTES.**  
Moving pictures of the flight of insects have been made with exposures of 1-45,000 second. Another photographer has made a kinematographic study of the action of weapons and projectiles, employing for illumination electric sparks of a duration of one-tenth-millionth of a second, and obtaining pictures of 400 successive phases of the firing mechanism of an automatic pistol, although the entire operation occupied only about one-tenth of a second.

Arrangements will shortly be made by the Austrian government for the public sale of radium for medical and experimental purposes. The total quantity of radium which has been thus far recovered for scientific use throughout the world is estimated not to exceed a quarter of a pound.

After about eighty shots the firing of the present twelve-inch gun of 2,500 foot-seconds velocity becomes so badly worn that it is necessary to change the case of the new fourteen-inch gun the erosion is much less and the gun will be serviceable for about 200 discharges.

**Middletown's New Postoffice Building.**  
There is a prospect that a new building may be provided for the Middletown postoffice within a reasonable time.

Postmaster Caley has recently written Congressman Sperry concerning the matter and learns that the congressman has had an interview with the supervising architect, who told him that the committee had asked for a report on the proposed new postoffice for Middletown and that one would be forthcoming about the first of the year. Congressman Sperry is to be furnished with a report and one will be transmitted to Middletown.

**A Mean Man.**  
"We may get you to join the cause some day," declared the militant suffragette.

"That," replied the possessor of the caustic old codger, "if all the other men in the world go into it, I won't refuse to make it unanimous."

## HEARING ON CREDITOR CLAIMS.

Alleged Efforts of Convicted Cashier to Conceal His Assets.  
Madison, Wis., Dec. 23.—Fifty letters, comprising the correspondence between Phil Allen, convicted cashier of the defunct Mineral Point, Wis., National bank, and his sister-in-law, Miss Jackson, and his brother-in-law, Guy Roe of Winona, Minn., with certificates of the face value of over half a million dollars were introduced in evidence and identified by Miss Jackson when the hearing on the creditor claims was continued in the bankruptcy court today. The question related to the disposition of Allen's property in the alleged effort to conceal his assets.

Miss Jackson's testimony showed that Allen turned over to her nearly all his property, largely for the benefit of his wife. All the correspondence is now in possession of the court. Mr. Roe and Miss Jackson secured their release from jail today on bonds of \$5,000 and \$2,000, respectively.

### Sidelights on the Census.

Congress has appropriated \$10,000,000 for the thirteenth census, and may be asked for \$1,000,000 more. Not counting the latter, but including the \$10,000,000 congress has expended over \$57,000,000 in census taking to date, beginning with the first census in 1790. Director Durand hopes to save \$1,000,000 or more on the thirteenth census as compared with its predecessors, taking into account the larger scope and size of the impending inquiry.

Congress requires the director to obtain information relative to population, agriculture, manufactures, mines and quarries. It restricted the inquiries under each head, but gave Director Durand authority to determine the form and subdivision of inquiries necessary.

The census of population is taken with reference to the conditions existing on April 15, 1910. The census of agriculture has reference to the calendar year 1909, so far as farm operations are concerned, and to April 15, 1910, as to farm equipment, or rather inventory. The schedule will be carried by 45,000 of the 55,000 enumerators and these will be chosen from the progressive farmers and crop reporters.

The census of manufactures, mines and quarries covers the calendar year 1909 only, and the 1,800 special agents will begin Jan. 1, 1910, to gather the statistics. A "test" examination on Nov. 3 was provided for them.—National Magazine.

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